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nature, should not...should not represent any significant policy issues for us. With that, Mr. President, if we could take up the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham, to open on the committee amendments to LB 1279.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, again, the committee amendments are largely technical in nature. For example, we're changing phrasing in the bill from safety transportation to transportation safety. That is part of a name of a particular kind of political subdivision. We simply had it backwards in existing law. We're straightening that out. We're changing a reference to volunteer fire departments in the bill, and we're making the joint...any joint agency that would have been created under the Joint Public Agency Act having separate property tax authority subject to the act. Those would be the committee amendments, Mr. President, and I would ask for your support and certainly be willing to answer questions, if there are any.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk. Okay. We're now open for debate on the committee amendments to LB 1279. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, just a couple quick questions, if I can. I certainly...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...am not going to hold up the bill, but I...but I wanted to try to get into the definitions of a couple of things. The Lincoln Airport Authority characteristically doesn't have a property tax levy. I'm not sure whether they get any state aid, but I doubt it because they don't need it. But would this then exempt them from the Budget Act?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. It exempts from the Budget Act everybody that doesn't receive state aid and then...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: As an accountable receipt.